



DASC UPDATES
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SOME UPDATES FOR ALL DASC SWIMMERS, PARENTS, COACHES AND FRIENDS

Please read the following carefully as there is a lot going on.

It is also important to check your e-mails and www.dare-asc.co.uk regularly for further DASC information.

DASC at Galas



Well done to the 13 DASC swimmers (all pictured above except Daniel Boyer) who competed in the North-East Region Short Course Championships at Sunderland Aquatic Centre on 5&6 November. All rose to the challenge of racing against the best swimmers in the region. In 56 swims they clocked up a fantastic 43 Personal Best times between them. DASC Head Coach, Glen Fenby, and Team Manager, Les Mooney, were thrilled with their performances, determination and team spirit. Congratulations especially to Harriet Rogers who won gold in the 12 years 50m Freestyle, and to Will Beukenholdt, who was 3rd fastest Junior in 100m IM.

There were also many good swims at galas at Middlesbrough and Chester-le-Street at either end of October Half-Term. We have galas at Tynemouth and Sheffield (and the Dolphin Centre) coming up in November and at Stanley, Edinburgh and Middlesbrough in December in this very busy term.

Please remember that all swimmers (or their parents) competing in any galas should be keeping a record of Personal Best times (PBs) swum in gala, for use on future gala entry forms. If anyone needs advice on this, please ask your squad coach or at the Club Desk.

Club Gala 4

The final club gala of 2016 will take place on Tuesday 29 November. Entries close at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 November. There is more information on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/26.html>

There are still plenty of jobs needing volunteers to do them at the club gala, especially marshalling, medal table, fund-raising (sweet stall etc), runners, and adults to help look after A3, B1 and B3 squad swimmers at the gala. Please let jane.teague@ntlworld.com know how you can help. If you haven't volunteered before, why not give it a go; almost everyone who does, seems to enjoy it!

Recent November newcomers are not expected to participate in this gala. There is training as usual for all B squads on the night of the gala.

Gala Entries

When submitting gala entries please would parents do their very best to complete the entry form correctly, and hand it in on time along with the correct amount of money. We understand that it can be a complicated process starting out on entering galas, so it is necessary to read carefully the information given in the e-mails that you receive containing gala information. Volunteers on the Club Desk are happy to advise, as are coaches, but not when they are coaching. It gets easier with practice!

As well as receiving an e-mail about galas relevant to your squad, the information is also posted on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/21.html>

A reminder for newcomers to competitive swimming that swimmers have to be registered at ASA Category 2 to compete in all galas except our internal club galas, Diddy League galas and schools galas. It is not difficult – contact jane.teague@ntlworld.com if you need to be upgraded.

When galas are cancelled or swimmers have entries rejected from a gala, then entry fee refunds will be paid. Once gala entries are submitted and paid for, it is only in unusual circumstances that a club running a gala would give a refund other than for rejected entries. If you are due a refund from recent rejections/cancellations you should have received an e-mail about it.

Training

From 21 November onwards, morning training on weekdays will move back into three lanes in the main pool at the Dolphin Centre 6.15-7.45am. The sessions in the Back Tank on Sunday morning (Top1 squad), Sunday evening (B1 squad) and Tuesday evening (A3 squad) will continue as now.

Diddy League Training

A reminder that Diddy League training takes place at Houghton EV on Saturdays 11.45am-1.15pm. It is currently for all DASC swimmers of 2017 Diddy League age, ie those born from 1 Jan 2005 to 25 Nov 2008 in A3, B1, B2 and B3 squads, and is on a fortnightly rota basis. See rota on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/18.html>.

Newcomers

We have recently invited 16 newcomers to start training with us, mostly in the B squads. Please help them and their parents to feel at home in any way you can.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in trying out for a place in the club, please ask them to contact jane.teague@ntlworld.com. Youngsters need to be at the equivalent of Level 7 or above in their swimming lessons; older enquirers will generally need to be above that level.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 20 December DASC Fun Night at the Dolphin Centre All swimmers and divers
- Thursday 22 December DASC Christmas Event and Annual Presentation All

Tickets for the DASC Annual Presentation are available from Allison Matthias at the Club Desk/on poolside at the Dolphin Centre 6.00-7.30pm on Tuesdays. Information about the DASC Fun Night will follow.

Fund-Raising

DASC are holding a Grand Raffle with the draw being made at the Club Gala on Tuesday 29 Nov. There are many excellent prizes available. All swimmers and divers should have received £5 worth of tickets to try to sell; if you can sell more than that, please ask for more tickets. Raffle ticket stubs/money/unsold tickets should be handed in to the club desk on a Tuesday night to Jeanette Rogers (parent of Harriet in Top1 squad)

by Tuesday 22nd November. Prizes will be available to be collected from the Dolphin Centre on 29 November immediately after the draw is made.

Thanks to Jeanette Rogers for organising this. If you want to donate any raffle prizes, Jeanette will be pleased to receive them.

Easyfundraising and Proswimwear

With Christmas fast approaching, and your online shopping perhaps set to increase, please remember that you can raise money for DASC with online shopping via easyfundraising. You can also fundraise for the club by buying swimwear and equipment from ProSwimwear. Use the links on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/index.html>.

DASC Swim Shop

The DASC Swim Shop is generally open on poolside at the Dolphin Centre on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 5.30-7.00pm. The next few opening dates are 22 Nov and 29 Nov (Club Gala night and last night for any orders for Christmas).

Volunteers at the Swim Shop can also advise you about ordering club kit from GGGear. If any adults wish to be kitted out in a green DASC T-shirt, you can order these through GGGear at www.gggear.co.uk/dasc-9-c.asp

Swimmers in A3 and above should have their own kickboard, pull buoy and fins for training. In the B squads it is not necessary to have this equipment yourself, although some swimmers do.

DASC Club Desk

The Club Desk is currently open on poolside at the Dolphin Centre on Tuesdays 6.00-7.30pm. It may also be open on some Sundays 5.00-6.00pm. One of our Club Desk volunteers, Neil Archbold, is standing down from the role. Many thanks to Neil for patiently and cheerfully handling dozens of gala entries and queries on Tuesday nights.

We are looking for more people to help out on the Club Desk, either on a regular or occasional basis. It is helpful previous experience if you have entered for a few galas and know a bit about the process. Otherwise it is generally a matter of recording gala entry forms and handling entry fees. Help to get into the role will be given, and you would not be left to cope on your own at the start. Please see Jane Teague if you want more information, or, better still, come and sit at the desk some Tuesday night and see what goes on.

DASC Membership for 2017

The new DASC Membership year starts in January 2017. All existing members who want to continue to be part of DASC in 2017 will have to complete a new membership form, and pay annual membership and registration fees by the end of January. Membership forms and information about 2017 fees will be available for you just before Christmas.

Payment of Fees to DASC

We have recently had over 40 swimmers move squads. Please can I remind you that you will need to change your standing order payment for monthly squad fees in time for your December payment.

If you need to pay DASC any sort of fees – for gala entries, membership fees, ASA registration upgrade fees, arrears of monthly squad payments etc - you can do so by:

- cheque payable to DASC
- cash – exact amount please

- BACS payment to the club account (Darlington Amateur Swimming Club, Sort Code 09-01-27, Account Number 98784079). If paying by this method please indicate with your payment what it is for and e-mail jane.teague@ntlworld.com to let her know when you have paid.

DASC is on Twitter

Follow us @DarloASC. Thanks to Mike Oliver for overseeing this.

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